



TURKEYS, BEES AND WHALES

New Internationalist Easier English
Ready Lesson Intermediate Level

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The people, the ideas, the action in the fight for global justice

Today's lesson:

Speaking

Reading: for gist, and for detail

Vocabulary

Grammar

Writing

Speaking:



1. What's your favourite animal, and why?
2. How do animals help us?



Discuss:



Turkeys, bees and
whales

1. Are they endangered?
2. Do they suffer?
3. Are they intelligent?

Quick reading: skim through these 3 texts to find the answers:

1/ Bees:

http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Join_the_fight_for_the_bees,_David_Cameron

2/ Whales:

http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Killing_whales:_the_hypocrisy_of_the_West

3/ Turkeys:

http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Don%27t_eat_turkey_this_Christmas

Vocabulary: what do these words mean?

Verbs:

to electrocute

to stun

to hang

to pollinate

Nouns:

slaughterhouse

anaesthetic

insecticide

pesticide

hypocrisy

Reading 2: read for detail:

Find, in each article, the:

a) problem(s)

and

b) solution(s)?



Which story? – match:

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| a) their toes are cut off | |
| b) they are given drugs | |
| c) it is pulled along through the water | 1) bee |
| d) they are killed after a few weeks | |
| e) they are taken by ship | 2) turkey |
| f) no anaesthetics are used | |
| g) many legs are broken | 3) whale |
| h) toxic chemicals should never be used again | |
| i) they are hung | |
| j) their heads are electrocuted | |

Which tense is this? And how do you use it?

Turkeys:

their toes are cut off; they are given drugs; they are killed after a few weeks; they are taken by ship; no anaesthetics are used; many legs are broken; they are hung; their heads are electrocuted

Whale:

it is pulled along through the water

Bees:

toxic chemicals should never be used again

Present simple passive:

X is/are + past participle

It is pulled (regular - +ed)

They are hung (*irregular verb*)

Now complete the gaps:

If the turkeys survive this, they
(take) by ship to be killed. Sometimes there
are 2,000 of them in one truck. They
..... (throw) in like baggage at an
airport. Of course, many legs (break).



Speaking



Groups of 3 – tell the others
about the problems and
solutions from your
reading



Writing

In pairs, write a letter about one of the animals to one of your representatives in government.